

failed to return, 5 returned on one engine and 3 crash landed. Nr. 386 Bomb Group had 52 aircraft over target of which 35 had damage category A, 1 had AC, 1 failed to return and 1 crash landed. And nr. 387 Bomb group had 46 aircraft over target of which 15 had damaged A and 4 AC.

It had been a morale boosting mission: the Marauder could take it! The very next Marauder mission was on 20 December 1943 - the 100th mission. Since 16 July 1943 about 6,700 sorties had been flown, during which 21 aircraft did not return: 0.3% losses - the lowest losses in all operation areas.

This story had a tail - Schiphol (recently voted as the best civil airfield of the world again) is developing to the mainport of Europe; the Dutch economic spearhead. It is feared that there are still unexploded bombs in the Dutch ground near Schiphol. Developments are planned and carried out carefully. Intensive research has been undertaken in order to locate the "forgotten" bombs. Since 1989 over 10 bombs have been uncovered and detonated. Just recently, on 3 November 1994 (another coincidence), the NV Luchthaven Schiphol, the gemeente Haarlemmermeer (municipal) and the Explosieven Opruimingsdienst (bomb squad) signed agreements on removing future explosives located at Schiphol.

I trust that this information is of interest to all Marauder Thunder readers, especially those Marauder Men who participated in the

Amsterdam/Schiphol missions in autumn 1943. For further information do not hesitate to contact me.

Hoping to hear from you, or any other Marauder Men, I wish you a merry Xmas and the very best for 1995!

As a final note, to future generations, we urge all

Aircrew Veterans and their families to take

the time to go back to Manuscript menu

and that

relates to your WWII experience is valuable.

With best regards,

Rob van den Nieuwendijk.

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3. Prepare all of your holdings for transfer to our archive, The PIMA Air and Space Museum, by being sure that each item holds the name of the donor, is wrapped carefully and sent to our - your - archive.

Thank you to PIMA!

John Thompson

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## **What we would like all Marauder families to do!**

In the belief that Marauder history is important enough to be preserved and made available to future generations, we urge all Marauder Veterans and their families to take the following instructions;

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16 December 1944



28 January 1945

## BATTLE OF THE BULGE

*Lloyd KISNER*

BELGIUM REMEMBERS

The people of Belgium pay tribute to all those who took part in the liberation of the country,  
in 1944-1945.

We remember with deep sorrow those who died and those who were wounded.

We are indebted to their bravery.

Out of their sacrifice comes our freedom.

To the gallant veterans we say:  
"Thank you, we will never forget you."

Date: September 11, 2001

For C.R.I.B.A.:

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For C.R.I.B.A.:

J. Pothen  
8 Sur les Roches  
B-4960 Malmedy  
Belgium

Malmedy, le 14-09-2001

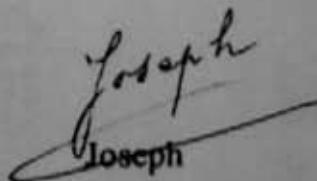
Mr L. Kisner  
P.B. Box 246  
DURBIN  
W.V. 26264  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

The C.R.B.A. (Center of Research on the Battle of the Bulge) has the honor of sending you the enclosed diploma for the part you played in the victory of the Allied troops during the WWII.

This diploma is reserved, usually, to the soldiers that fought during the Battle of the Bulge but we send it to you as an exceptional mark of sympathy and gratefulness.

With my sincere and friendly congratulations



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph". It is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the first name across the middle of the surname.

Enclosed you will find information on the activities of the CRIBA

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## POW

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"I knew I would survive," Felt said. "I knew the war was going to end soon. I never gave up, because I knew I would make it out of there."

Felt said he dreamed vividly during that time.

"And they weren't about pretty girls, either," Felt said smiling. "Usually about a big bowl of mashed potatoes. The only potatoes we got in the camps were rotten."

Felt said he knew the end of the war was near because he could hear the troops fighting.

"One day we woke up and a tank and troops were taking over the camp. Then the American flag went up," Felt said. "It was the most beautiful sight I have ever seen."

About six weeks later, Felt arrived at his parents' home near Wakefield.

"I really felt sorry for them because they didn't know if I was alive or dead. At least I knew I was alive," Felt said.

Felt then sent a letter of application for the Caterpillar Club.

The elite club is for those who have used parachutes to save their lives. It is called the Caterpillar Club because during World War II, parachutes were made of silk.

"I received a reply saying they needed two witnesses of my escape," Felt said. "I just gave up after that."

Fifty years later, he was talking with the bombardier of the plane, Lloyd Kisner, with whom he corresponds two or three times a year. He is the only other member of the crew still living.

"He asked me if I was in the Caterpillar Club and I told him what had happened," Felt said.

About three weeks ago, Felt received his official Caterpillar Club certificate and pin.

"I figure Kisner probably did it," Felt said.

Kisner had his niece do some research to get Felt the honor he had earned.

"I always felt I belonged to the club," Felt said. "I am happy that I can finally say I do."

## HEINEMAN

from Page A1

Johanns said Heineman will assume Maurstad's role as the state's liaison to the federal government and will take on a new role of coordinating the state's anti-terrorist planning in light of the recent attacks on the East Coast.

Heineman, 53, lives in Fremont. He was born in Falls City and graduated from Wahoo High School. He also graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1970 and served in the U.S. Army for five years.

He was the executive director

of the Nebraska Republican Party, office manager for U.S. Rep. Doug Bereuter's Fremont office and chief administrative aide to former U.S. Rep. Hal Daub before running for the state treasurer.

Johanns, who has not formally announced that he will seek a second term, said Heineman will be his running mate if he runs.

Giving the lieutenant governor a larger role has become more important since voters approved a measure in November changing how the position is filled.

The lieutenant governor used to run independently in the primary election. Now, the governor and lieutenant governor will run on the same ticket.

Byrd said she had not decided if she will run for treasurer next year.

"That's a premature thought for me," she said. "This has moved very, very quickly."

While the lieutenant governor's main duty is to preside over the Legislature, most of the office's holders historically were mostly limited to ribbon-cutting and ceremonial pomp.

That changed in the past 10 years, however, when Maxine Moul and then Kim Robak began playing larger roles in the position under then-Gov. Ben Nelson.

The job's responsibilities have escalated even more since Johanns took office in 1999.

Johanns made Maurstad an in-

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## 'Caterpillar' finally joins the Club

### POW's long-delayed membership affirmed

By Jenny Hasenauer

The North Platte Telegraph

It was a fairly routine mission during World War II.

Capt. Robert Felt, a pilot, and his crew were on their way to bomb a railroad bridge near Liege, Belgium, their 57th mission, when their B25 bomber, the Dragon Wagon, was hit by antiaircraft flak.

"The right engine quit, then the left engine caught fire," Felt said. "We had to get out."

Felt said he got the other four members of the crew out of the plane, then parachuted out himself.

"I wasn't scared at the time because the plane was on fire — we had to jump," Felt said.

As he drifted to the ground, Felt said it was very peaceful.

"It was so quiet, I could hear the dogs barking," he said.

Felt landed near a church and immediately saw a woman directing him toward a grove of trees.

"I got up and tried to run, but I had hurt my knees in the fall and I fell to the ground," Felt said.

Almost immediately he was captured by German troops and was taken to Stalag Left 3, a prison camp near Sagan, Poland.

"It wasn't good," Felt said. "We were all cold

and hungry. They didn't beat us or anything, but it seemed we were there for an eternity."

At the time, Felt was with one of his crew members in the camp. He later found out that two of his crew had escaped and another one had been captured.

Felt and his crew members were in the Stalag Left camp for six months.

"Then they moved us," Felt said. "I lost track of my crewmember. I am not sure what happened to him."

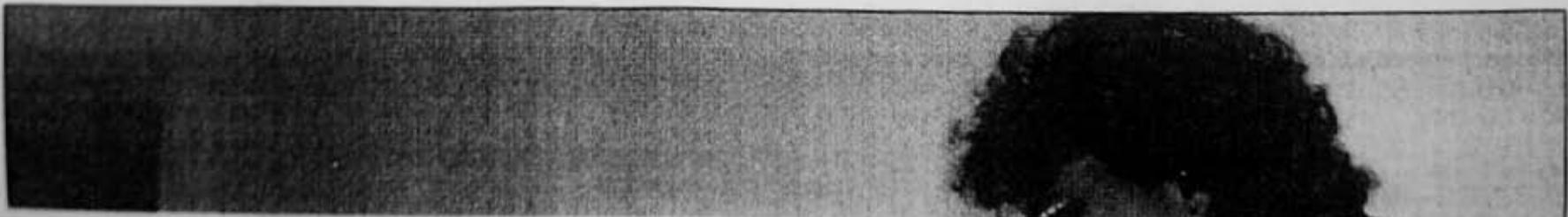
As for Felt, he marched three days and three nights in a blizzard and spent three more days locked in a boxcar until he got to Stalag 7A, a prison camp near Museburg, Germany.

It was there Felt remained until the summer of 1945.

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"I just number. I am not sure what we had three days and three and spent three more days until he got to Stalag 7A, a

Buchenwald, Germany.

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Courtesy photo

**B26 pilot Robert Felt**, far left, seen here with his crew in 1943, was shot down over Belgium May 24, 1944. He and his crew had to parachute out of the plane.

OUT

# City Council to finalize

Mrs. L. E. Kisner of Frank, Pocahontas county, have been notified that their son Lieut. L. E. Kisner, Jr., is reported "missing in action over Belgium."

Lieut. Kisner was a bombardier-navigator in the 9th Army Air Force. He had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart.

This is the second time Lieut. Kisner had been listed as "missing in action." Some three months prior to the last notification, his plane was shot down but he managed to get back to England safely.

A letter received by Mrs. Kisner, mother of the young navigator from a pilot squadron in which he was a member, stated that he (the pilot) was on leave at the time the flight was made but he had learned that the plane, in which her son and five crew members were occupants, was disabled and dropped out of formation over Belgium territory. He was reported by the war department as "missing as of May 25."

## *Lieut. Kisner Decorated With Marauder Crew*

(Continued from Page One)

could not be operated under full power.

### **Prepare to Bail Out**

"Some 15 miles off the English coast the left engine cut, too. I told the crew to prepare to bail out, then I put the ship in a glide. We worked to get the left engine going again, and finally it caught.

"We were down to 2,000 feet as we crossed the English coast. We were losing altitude steadily. At 1,500 feet, about four miles from where we hit the coast line, the left engine let go entirely. Meanwhile, everything had become soaked in gasoline from the gas that was sloshing out of the punctured tank. If we had tried a crash landing the first spark would have meant an explosion.

"I ordered the crew to bail out. The co-pilot hesitated at the open bomb bays. He came back to ask me was I going to jump or try to set it down. I told him to get going, that I was coming, too. I tried to set a course well away from a town and building. Then I hurried back and went out, too. We were pretty low, somewhere around 500 feet or less.

"I remember pulling the ring and it came away in my hand with the wires dangling. I looked at it and thought it had torn loose, so I said, 'You dirty . . . and just about tha-

time the chute opened. I looked toward the plane, which had lost altitude rapidly and was swinging around in a descending turn to the left. It was in the next field. It burned completely."

Members of the "Liberty Lady's" crew who have been recommended for awards are: Second Lieutenant Ross Oakley, co-pilot, Westwood Village, Calif.; Second Lieutenant Kisner, bombardier-navigator, Frank W. Va.; S. Sgt. Lloyd Arthur, radio gunner, Saratago, Ind.; Sgt. Martin Dishong, tail gunner, Everett, Pa.; and S. Sgt. Woodrow Laubey, engineer gunner, St. Joseph, Mo.

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# Had Been Reported Missing in Action

Mrs. Franklin J. Widney learned this morning that her brother, Lt. L. E. Kisner, jr., of Frank, reported "missing in action" on May 25, over Belgium, cabled his parents this morning "Am O. K. Have written. Will See You Soon. Don't Worry About Me. Love." signed, "Your Son."

Lt. Kisner was overseas 14 months when he was reported missing by the War Department. He was a bombardier on a B-26 Marauder plane.

Dr. and Mrs. Widney and daughter Marsha Kaye and Mrs. Widney's sister, Mrs. B. E. Lawton, have returned from Atlantic City where the Widneys were guests of Mrs. Lawton. Her husband is in the Navy.

A brother of Mrs. Widney and Mrs. Lawton, Pvt. William Kisner stationed at Fort McClelland, Ala., is visiting at his home at Frank-



The ancient library in which the books have been found intact was at Herculaneum, and contained about 1,800 volumes.

Grand Coulee Dam contains enough concrete for a highway from New York to Seattle, and back via Los Angeles.

## L.T. KISNER REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION FOR SECOND TIME

### Is Brother Of Local Resident

Lt. L. E. Kisner, Jr., of Frank, a brother of Mrs. Franklin J. Widmeyer, of this city, is reported "missing in action over Belgium", according to a notice received by the young Lieutenant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kisner, of Frank.

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Lieut. Kisner is the first member of Elkins Lodge No. 1135, B.P.O. Elks to be listed as missing or killed in action. Lt. Col. Robert Wolverton has been listed as "missing in action" as of June 6. No further word has been received from either of the officers. Lt. Col. Wolverton was a paratrooper.

Lt. Kisner has two other sisters, Mrs. Eugene Lawton, of Atlantic City, N. J., and Pauline, at home, and one brother, William, who was recently inducted into the service. Mrs. Lawton was the former Geraldine Kisner, who attended Davis and Elkins college and was employed here for sometime. Lt. Kisner was formerly employed by the Western Maryland railway company.

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I'll never forget  
the day we put your  
hair up like the  
Wendy girl, will  
always miss you - Alex

Cody Moore



one late night, driving alone  
it ended all to fast  
I guess He had to call you home  
its something we can't grasp  
always walking through the door  
with a big smile on your face  
all the memories and more  
is something we can't replace  
now the days will slowly pass  
and you will forever live in our hearts  
the memories and good times will last  
even though we are apart

1. *Coryphaea* *lanceolata* *L.*  
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you will be missed  
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you will be missed  
you will be missed



31st Oct  
Ran up to the  
Hills to go  
to the park  
and then back  
to the house



one late night, driving alone  
it ended all to fast  
i guess He had to call you home  
its something we can't grasp  
always walking through the door  
with a big smile on your face  
all the memories and more  
is something we can't replace  
now the days will slowly pass  
and you will forever live in our hearts

you

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Daren, Daniel Shearer, and I  
had built together, and  
we'd always pick on each  
other. Mr. Richmond would  
scold us if we were being  
too loud but when yell across  
the room anonymous things  
would be the same without  
him pointing at us

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Dawn

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I wish I  
will look  
cold & bone  
near you all day  
Loren  
Loren

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you have

Carrie Sneader

I miss you.

I remember Loren  
Ellen Honaker + I were  
like a circle of jokes, pranks,  
and games. Loren always had  
us laughing. Then made fun  
of the way we laughed!

I remember Loren  
Ellen Honaker + I were



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COOK UP

her,

Jeanne G

great deal.  
will be  
missed.

you did. I do  
not want to speak  
of you without  
mentioning  
that you did

Love you brother,  
Gus Williams

Love,

John

There are many words to express  
how I feel right now.  
I love you and I will  
never forget you. Anatomy  
and the costs will never be  
the same. You'll always be  
a part of my heart. A forever  
friend.

John

You will be mine & never  
mine & yours!



LOREEN!

You don't  
put a smile  
on my face. I  
miss you! Love

We're gonna

miss you man

We all  
ya!

Michael

Sugerman

SSO

dog mom

nana

PERSON

Loren,

You were a  
great person! We  
are all going to  
miss you sooo much!

Kendra

Toni  
Dillay \*

We'll hide we  
all love ya!  
I know you be  
to miss you

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I'll never forget you

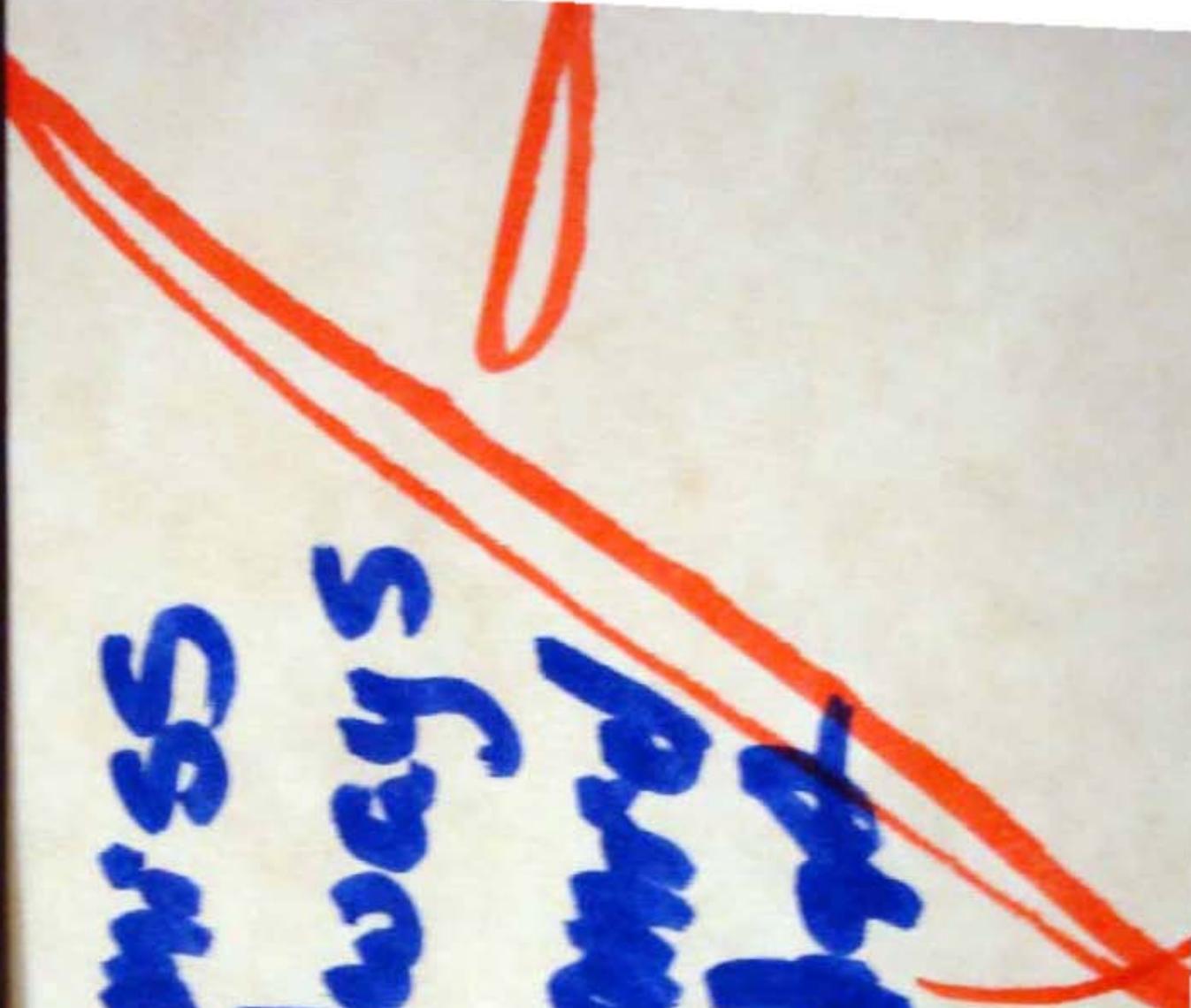
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forget you.

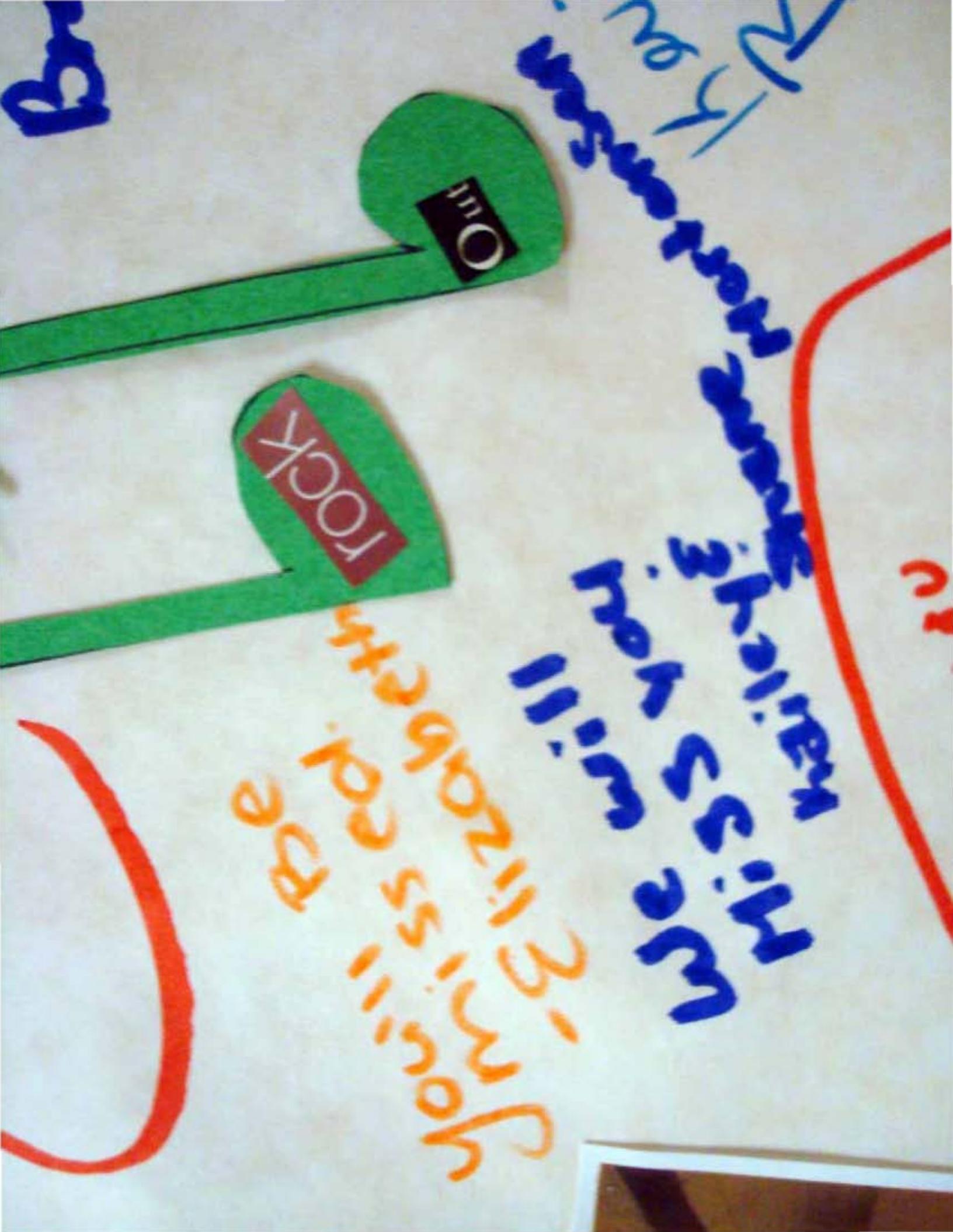


Loren as a happy freshman.... always smiling.

Tall guys

Express  
Delivery  
Signatures





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**we**  
**won't**  
**ever forget**  
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**not**  
**forgotten**

**Jamie Bottie**

**We will never**  
**forget you.**



won't forget  
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Play  
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Loren my redheaded male-counterpart,  
I'm going to miss your nodding head  
in the hall wrytime I saw  
you playing your guitar, your gentle  
close mouth interview style, and hearing your  
voice give the audience. I'll never  
forget the beautiful speech you gave when  
you ran for class president fresh from  
writing a book and I didn't  
get to know you enough.

A photograph of a whiteboard with handwritten text in blue and green marker. The text includes "YOGA", "Meditation", "S.P.W.", "D.Y.O.", "PUP", "Ruddy PUP", "D.Y.X.", "D.Y.X.", and "D.Y.X.". To the right of the text is a drawing of a person in a dynamic pose. Below the board is a shelf with books and a small potted plant.

Multi